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GOVERNMENT AND OPPOSITION.

We suppose it is now in order to look forward. Next in importance to healthy business conditions in a country is stable, honest, progressive, strong and capable government. Can the present administration be classified as above, and, if not, what are the prospects for the establishment of a successor which will meet the requirements of the case? On making an examination of the list of the members of the Legislature we find the following to be absolutely fixed in their political leanings:

| Government. | Opposition. |
|--------------|------------------|
| Prior. | McBride. |
| Eberts. | Tatlow. |
| Wells. | Gardner. |
| McInnes. | Martin. |
| Prentice. | McPhillips. |
| Pooley. | Gilmour. |
| Dunsmuir. | Smith, E. C. |
| Hall. | Fulton. |
| Helmecken. | Oliver. |
| Hayward. | Kidd. |
| Hunter. | Munro. |
| Dickie. | Curtis. |
| Monroe. | Hawthornthwaite. |
| Smith, W. A. | Taylor. |
| Clifford. | Green. |
| Rogers. | Patonson. |
| Ellison. | Gifford. |
| | Doubtful. |
| | Neill. |
| | Stables. |
| | Houston. |

Why Messrs. Neill and Stables should be classified as doubtful we do not know. The member for Alberni was sufficiently pronounced in his opposition last session to warrant the assumption that he will still oppose the government with all the incisiveness which has gained him the reputation of being one of the most effective debaters in the house. The representative from Cassiar was a devoted disciple of Mr. Joseph Martin. Mr. Stables may not be possessed of an intellect of sufficient subtlety to make such fine distinctions as his leader. Therefore he may join his friend the Provincial Secretary in strengthening the government. Such a classification would still leave the parties equally divided—18 to 18. Mr. Houston was independent in his speech and attitude during the last session of the House. But he was, generally speaking, loyal enough in his support when he was not "holding up" the government. It is presumed, for some important concession to his constituency. He is writing just as independently in his paper at the present time. That cannot be taken as a fair indication of the course he will pursue in the House. It is probably merely a concession to the political opinion of his constituency. Mr. Houston may safely be put down as a supporter of the Ministry, which therefore has a majority of one on paper. Placing the Speaker in the chair and the majority disappears entirely. If any business is transacted, resuming that the present apparent status shall be maintained until the House meets, it must be accomplished through the casting vote of the Speaker. Government under such circumstances cannot be satisfactory to the people.

Then there is West Yale still vacant. When the election takes place it will

surely go against the government. Under the present circumstances there is not a man in the province sufficiently strong personally or politically to hoist the banner of the government and defeat Mr. C. A. Semlin. As the administration certainly desires to retain office, it is not surprising that it hesitates about bringing on the election in West Yale. Nevertheless the seat must be filled. Strict compliance with the requirements of the constitution and justice to the constituency are of more importance than the life of any government. There are indications of a disposition to mete out the same treatment to West Yale as was accorded North Victoria. Mr. Booth died while the House was in session, and the plea of little force was put forward that it would be disrespectful to his memory to fill his seat before it was cold. There will be no excuse of any kind for the perpetration of such another wrong. It would be useless to appeal to the government if it really has decided to refrain from action. There is an agitation on the Mainland in favor of appealing directly to the Lieutenant-Governor and calling his attention to the facts. We can hardly believe the Ministers seriously contemplate denying the electors of West Yale their rights. Some of the members of the government are men of discernment and discrimination. They must realize that they cannot possibly strengthen their cause by such tactics. We believe some of their supporters would find it impossible to countenance such a course.

The situation is quite interesting even to a British Columbian, who is used to political uncertainty. The coming session of the Legislature promises to be a memorable one.

TEACHER AND WRITER.

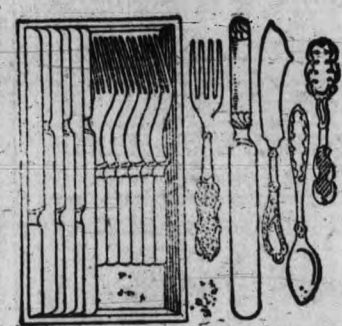
Teaching the young idea does not absorb all the energies of Miss Agnes Deans Cameron. Readers of all sorts and conditions of publications find her name attached to essays and stories of great literary merit and exhibiting a felicity of expression, an originality of style and a freshness of thought that are very attractive in these days of wearisome iteration. The "saving grace of humor," the absence of which leaves a great void in the works of nearly all the authors of the day, Miss Cameron possesses. She is probably deterred from essaying a higher flight by the many trifling objects pouring from the press daily, bearing all the outward appearance of books, but lacking entirely the breath of book life. An enclosure from Miss Cameron containing a New Year's greeting to the staff of the Times contains the following robust paragraph: "We are men now, and women, in a world of work. Let us do that work as well as we can, without stopping to ask if we were once slugs or will one day be angels. And have a kind word and a smile for the next one you meet; he too is fighting a hard fight."

PROGRESS IN CANADA.

The progress of Canada during the past few years has excited the wonder of all save the advocates of what is termed "adequate protection." There are countries enjoying the blessings of "adequate protection," such as Russia, Germany, France, and the United States, but in none of them is there such relative activity, combined with so high an average of comfort, as in this Dominion. Tariffs are human institutions, and therefore imperfect, but if we are to judge of systems by results, Mr. Fielding has hit upon a very happy fiscal mean. With a few amendments where operations have developed weaknesses or anomalies, the tariff of the Laurier government should be very nearly all right. In the last six years our foreign trade has grown from \$239,025,000 to \$423,910,000—imports from \$118,090,000 to \$212,270,000, exports from \$121,000,000 to \$211,640,000. Going a little more into detail we find that the exports of Canadian farm products have increased from \$50,591,000 to \$96,313,897; of Canadian manufactures, from \$9,365,384 to \$18,462,970; of products of the mine from \$8,056,000 to \$34,947,574.

Agriculture still stands at the head of Canadian exports. Exports of agricultural products have nearly doubled, comparing 1896 with 1902; and if we compare periods of six years we obtain results quite as remarkable. The aggregate for the period from 1891 to 1896 was \$294,389,233; the aggregate for the period from 1897 to 1902 was \$464,544,808. Agriculture keeps its position at the front end, and the rapid settlement and development of the West will hold it there. But, relatively, some other industries show a larger increase. Mineral products, which in 1896 were at the foot of the list, are now in second place; manufactures have passed exports of the fisheries. There is no evidence in these figures that the country is being stripped of its natural resources to enrich other countries. The doubling of the export of manufactures tells the opposite story. So does the increase in the export of the more profitable products of the farm. Another evidence of growth is to be found in homestead entries and arrivals of immigrants. In 1892 the homestead entries were 2,770, but by 1896 they had fallen to 1,384. Then began a steady and rapid increase, and in 1902 they were 14,633, or more than ten times the entries for 1896. The immigrant arrivals were 67,370 for 1902, as compared with 16,832 for 1896.

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FOX'S, 78 GOV'T ST.

Under the Municipal Elections Act the following provision has been made for purging the voters' lists:

Section 9.—"In city municipalities the list of voters shall be prepared by the clerk of the municipality, and shall be closed on or before the fifth day of January of the year in which nominations are made, and within three days after the closing thereof the clerk of the municipality shall certify such list to be correct, and shall cause the same to be printed, ten or more of which printed lists shall be posted in conspicuous public places in the municipality."

Section 2.—"In city municipalities, the police magistrate of the city, or any judge of the Supreme or County Court, is hereby empowered to hear and determine cases when it is alleged, after the voters' list has been certified as correct by the clerk of the municipality, that any person's name has been improperly omitted from or placed on the voters' list; and the clerk of the municipality is hereby authorized to add to or strike from the voters' list the name of any person whom the police magistrate or judge decides is or is not entitled to vote, on receipt of such order from the police magistrate or judge."

Our American friends are making a great to-do about the laying of the "first" Pacific cable, "the longest stretch of its kind in the world." We wonder if the editors really do not know anything about our cable to Australia. Or do they deliberately set about deceiving their readers for the purpose of exalting their own country as the first in all great enterprises. We really must give it up. The average American editor as regards his attitude to foreign nations is a curious compound of ignorance and prejudice.

EXHIBITION ACCOUNTS.

To the Editor:—In a letter in yesterday's Colonist as to "Fair Play" upon the Finance Committee, naming me first, for an explanation of our passing the Colonist account (\$500) and other matters in connection with the agricultural exhibition. From the tone of Fair Play's letter I infer that he is in close touch with the mayor, and I am sorry if any facts which I am forced to state may fall to give him that satisfaction which Fair Play would find in me.

In the first place, with regard to the Colonist account. For some reason Mr. Goodacre and myself were not consulted in the matter, and did not even know of its being paid until long afterwards, when the secretary, Mr. Boggs, explained to me of his refusing to O.K. the account when first presented, as not being regularly passed by the finance committee, and because he felt the workmen should be paid first, but finally yielded when the president (the mayor) and Mr. Helmecken urged it so strongly.

"Fair Play" asks were we not pleased by the hard work the mayor did for us in connection with the exhibition? I am pleased to say yes, on several occasions, but in connection with the sports committee we would much prefer the engaging of the entertainers ourselves. The publishing of the mayor's name on Campbell's blackboard as having engaged the Shamrock Lacrosse Club to entertain Victoria citizens, together with his card in the next morning's Colonist, stating the same fact, but finally yielding when the president (the mayor) and Mr. Helmecken urged it so strongly.

LABOR AND CAPITAL.

To the Editor:—In these days of trades unionism and great combinations of capital, of strikes and lockouts involving hundreds of thousands of people, through which more than half a continent has recently been in danger of starving to death

for want of coal, it is surely time that the public generally should begin to consider what the essential relations between labor and capital really are. We hear a great deal about the conflicting interests of labor and capital nowadays, but a brief consideration would show that the interests of labor and capital are identical. For the sole function of capital is:

1. To render labor more efficient by providing tools, machinery, etc., namely, enable labor to produce more wealth with a given amount of exertion.
 2. To permit labor to take advantage of the reproductive forces of nature, as by growing corn, etc., or breeding animals.
 3. To permit labor to undertake production in the most profitable situations, by providing means of communication.
 4. To facilitate exchange of different kinds of wealth for one another.
- Thus it is clear that capital actually produces its own return or interest, by enabling labor to produce more wealth with a given amount of exertion. When workmen strike against capital, they are only striking against themselves. They are like the little boy who, having run up against a post and hurt himself, started to thrash the post. For it is clear that if the rise and fall of wages were due to the earnings of capital, a fall of wages would be accompanied by a rise in interest, and a rise in wages would be accompanied by a fall in interest. We find, however, that in all cases a rise in wages is accompanied by a rise in interest, and a fall in wages by a fall in interest of capital. Capital is but a subdivision of labor, and the same natural economic law which gives the product to the producer governs both the interest or wages of capital and the wages of labor. Much of the confusion of thought prevalent among workmen on this subject is due to the popular confusion between the meanings of the words wealth and capital. All wealth is not capital. Capital is only a portion of wealth, namely, that portion of wealth which is devoted to the production of more wealth by assisting labor. There are three methods in which wealth may be used. They are:
1. Assisting labor to produce more wealth; wealth so used is called capital.
 2. Satisfying the desires of its owners, as by providing the necessities of life, or change of scene, etc.
 3. Exploiting labor, by monopolizing the natural resources of land. In this case wealth does not produce in any sense of the word. Wealth so used merely alters the distribution of wealth, as the pistol of highway robbery does. It is by confusing these three uses to which wealth may be put that the idea of a conflict between capital and labor has been created. There is a conflict of interests, but the combatants are labor and capital versus monopoly of the natural resources of land. All that is required to solve the social problem is to render it either illegal or unprofitable for wealth to be applied to the use of robbing labor and capital of their just returns by taking possession of nature's storehouses, or land.

SOME OLD VESSELS.

Ships Which Have Reached the Age of One Hundred Years.

The oldest warship extant is the Victory, Admiral Nelson's flagship at the battle of Trafalgar. The Victory was launched in 1705. Lately the British Admiralty spent considerable sums of money in saving the old ship from ruin.

The longevity of some ships is remarkable. Perhaps the most remarkable of these is the case of the whaler True Love, of Hull. The True Love was a barque of 1,000 tons, and she was built in 1703. She was purchased by an Englishman and converted into a whaler. When she was ninety-seven years old, she was still in the service, and she was still carrying a full cargo of seal skins. She was still in the service of the whaling company, and she was still carrying a full cargo of seal skins.

A long life was also granted to the three-masted ship, Three Sisters, a contemporary of the Betsey Cairns. She had taken part in 1830 in the siege of London. At the beginning of the last century, after she had attained the respectable age of 130, she was still voyaging in the Irish sea. In 1830, she was captured by the brig Brothers Love, which carried Capt. Cook on many a notable voyage, should not be omitted. After a series of 140 years she was still in the harbor of Dundee. In November, 1892, the Danish ship De Tre Søstre came to anchor in the harbor of Dundee. Some curious person hit upon the idea of looking up the history of the vessel. The investigation proved that the Danish ship was built in 1752 in Rønne, and was at that time 120 years of age. The Success, which voyaged from one English port to another, was launched in 1783. As late as 1895 she made a voyage to Australia, and later crossed the Atlantic ocean.

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100 years old and thirteen over ninety-five years of age. A ship twenty-six years old, the maximum age of a ship, is, of course, difficult to ascertain what is the maximum term of service of a steamship under the most favorable conditions. It is a remarkable fact, however, that of the steamers built from 1815 to 1830 not a single one seems to be in existence. This is, perhaps, due not so much to a lack of endurance in the steamship as to the fact that the cost of running a modern vessel is less than that of an old timer. The oldest vessel of the English merchant fleet is the side-wheeler Sir Charles Ogles, of Hull, built in 1830. The oldest English iron steamer is the Cardiff ship Swift, which is now seventy-one years old and is still in active service—Marine Review.

CENTENARY OF TROUSERS.

Most people will be surprised to hear that trousers as at present worn by the male portion of humanity, have just celebrated their centenary, but, according to fashion, such is undoubtedly the case. They came in on account of the high living prevalent a hundred years ago. The invention of the wider form of garment, which soon became popular, and was adopted by many Royal personages at home and abroad. Among the "dandies" of the period, however, the new style was regarded with contempt, and when Almack's was at its height in London instead of the (for that time) orthodox nether garments. So far have their way now extended that they threaten to supplant even the Scottish kilt.

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Those who called on the Mayor yesterday follow: Bishop Perrin, H. G. Lewis, A. Lombard, J. A. Lombard, Lambert Bond, S. W. Edwards, W. W. Northcott, J. P. Riddell, Geo. Harvey, Rev. Canon Newton, W. J. Anderson, W. Marchant, Wm. Humphrey, Noah Shakespear, W. H. Bone, Col. Holmes, D. O. C. James, McLeod, Wm. L. Williams, E. R. Vigor, E. B. Saul, A. J. Pines, R. B. McKicking, Walter B. McKicking, T. J. Bures, J. M. Langley, Hardress Clarke, W. H. Wilkerson, G. L. Milne, M. D., W. K. Houston, G. H. Lagimodiere, Brunswick Shaw, Capt. Chas. R. N. Jackson, Rev. Archibald Ewing, Rev. W. Leslie Clay, Gordon Grant, A. Stewart Robertson, Geo. Jay, C. Buboison, Henry E. Mason, Alf. Hood, G. M. Grant, A. Graham, W. J. McKee, Jacob Schell, J. W. Ohurch, S. P. Moody, Roland Machin, E. A. Powell, S. W. Powell, Capt. M. Richardson, A. J. Dailin, A. J. Galletty, A. C. Shummett, Fred G. White, James Gaudin, Rev. D. Campbell, Thornton Fell, Fred. Castleton, E. Banes Reed, F. H. Eaton, C. E. Dickinson, A. J. Joule, J. Keith Wilson, Dr. A. J. Garesche, William Scowcroft, Judge Harrison, James Thomson, Dr. T. J. Jones, Herbert Cuthbert, Major A. W. Jones, H. F. Langton, B. Heisterman, Hon. E. G. Prior, C. Lowenberg, E. B. Marvin, J. B. McKilligan, C. N. Cameron, G. H. Barnard, D. M. Rogers, A. T. Goward, J. M. Bradburn, C. H. Topp, J. Weir, Rev. D. MacRae, J. K. MacRae, R. B. Gosnell, Rev. W. Baugh Allen, Rev. R. B. Blyth, James Pateron, A. T. Monteth, W. T. Oliver, Rev. Canon Beaulieu, W. Ross, Donald Fraser, D. S. Spencer, Chief Justice Hunter, Lieut.-Col. Wolfenden, J. A. Anderson, B. A. C. F. Moore, N. D. Vander Gucht, Capt. Livingston Thompson, Percy Wollaston, Jr., H. P. Wollaston, Phil. Austin, Jas. L. Raymur, J. C. Penderay, H. J. Penderay, J. H. Sweet, C. R. Hopkins, J. York, Jesse Longfield, Arthur Longfield, W. G. Cameron, Bishop Orib, Abram E. Smith, A. B. Fraser, M. D. W. Higgins, Rev. J. Letorne, Alf. Huzgett, W. M. More, A. Lewis, Rev. J. H. Sweet, Chas. E. Redfern, James Mitchell, A. B. McPhillips, A. B. Fraser, Jr., Senator Templeman, Joshua Kingham, H. A. Munna, A. G. McCandless, R. T. Williams, E. A. Jacob, Louis McQuade, L. S. V. York, J. D. York, Simon Leiser, Max Leiser, Hon. W. B. McInnes, Luke Pither, Thos. Earle, M. P. A. McKee, A. L. Belyea, W. L. B. Young, F. B. Kito, J. V. N. Spencer, J. W. Spencer, T. A. Spencer, Chas. Vernon, D. R. Kerr, W. T. Robertson, D. M. Eberts, F. S. Milligan, H. A. S. Morley, H. S. Powell, Wm. McNeill, W. Minty, Jas. Fournier, J. Saranah, J. H. Austin, H. B. Ellis, H. Dallas Helmcken, R. B. Powell, D. D. McTavish, R. Foster, Chas. Kent, Dr. Lewis Hall, Dave Miller, G. V. T. Simpson, W. T. Williams, H. H. V. Koelle, A. Hamilton Barker.

Mayor Hayward has received the following replies to greetings sent on behalf of the citizens of Victoria to the mayors of New Westminster, Vancouver and Nanaimo:

"Nanaimo, Dec. 31.
"Accept my sincere thanks for your kind greetings, which I heartily reciprocate."
"W. MANSON."
"Mayor."

"Vancouver, B. C., Jan. 1st, 1903.
"Charles Hayward, Mayor, Victoria:
"Vancouver extends to you and the citizens of Victoria the season's greetings."
"T. F. NEILANDS."
"Mayor."

"New Westminster, B. C., Dec. 31.
"MR. Mayor: On behalf of the citizens of New Westminster, permit me to wish you and yours, and through you, the citizens of Victoria, our earnest, sincere and heartfelt wishes for a bright, happy and prosperous New Year."
"Yours faithfully,"
"W. H. KEARY,"
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THE RICH STRIKE IN OLD CARIBOO CAMP

Phenomenal Clear Up From Point Claim on Lightning Creek—Season's Prospects Good.

A few days ago an announcement was made of a phenomenal clear-up on Point Claim, Lightning Creek, Cariboo, which revived the old interest so long manifested in that camp. R. B. Berks, traveler for J. Piercy & Co., has just returned from Cariboo, and through his courtesy the Times is able to present two photos which indicate the extent of the gold taken in a short time from this claim. The one pan is from a single



THE RICH STRIKE IN CARIBOO.
Pan taken on Point Claim, Lightning Creek, Stanley, by Andrew Kelly, 50 oz.

"take" on Point Claim, and contains 50 oz., which, at \$18 an oz., a common assay of Cariboo gold, will aggregate over \$1,000. The other is the result of a ten days' clean-up on the same claim, from which a clean-up of 25 lbs. of gold was obtained.

Point claim, which is situated on Lightning Creek, Stanley, is owned by Anderson Kelly and a number of associates, a half interest being held by Mr. Kelly himself. Mr. Kelly is one of the best known miners of Cariboo, but notwithstanding the fact that he has been prospecting for over forty years, this is the first streak of genuine luck which he has encountered. The strike was made



THE RICH STRIKE IN CARIBOO.
Ten Days' Clean-up From Point Claim, 25 lbs. Avoidupols.

about four months ago. Lightning creek has always been a marvellous gold-producing, rivalling Williams creek in that particular.

Mr. Berks reports the outlook for a busy season next year in Cariboo to be very bright. Blough creek, about 12 miles from Barkerville, is expected to make a great showing during the coming year, and although the Horsey country, or at least its riches, have proved to be a myth, the older creeks will return sufficient to more than compensate for the absence of returns from this newer and much-boomed district.

The roads into Cariboo are in much better condition than they have been for many years, there being good sleighing all the way from Ashcroft to Barkerville, a distance of 280 miles.

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BRIGAND OUTWITTED.

How a Young Woman Escaped a Terrible Death—Bodies of Other Victims Found.

Recently a young peasant woman of Montenegro was returning to her home at Cetinje from a town in which she had just sold some poultry, when suddenly she met a young man who told her that there was a much shorter way to her home, and that he would show it to her, if she was willing.

Though he was a stranger to her, the woman saw no reason to distrust him and gladly accepted his offer.

He preceded her up the mountain path, and in about ten minutes they came to the edge of a precipice. Thereupon the man suddenly seized her, and pointing a dagger at her throat, demanded her money and her clothes. She was obliged to obey him, and then was preparing to run away, when he stopped her over.

"No, no," he said, with a laugh, "you've got to jump down this precipice."

Falling on her knees, she implored him to spare her life, but he paid no heed to her, and finally threatened that if she did not jump of her own accord he would throw her over.

"All right," she said, "but, at any rate, allow me to cover my eyes with a handkerchief. You will find one in the pocket of my dress. Please hand it to me."

The brigand stooped to get the handkerchief, and the woman, summoning all her strength, pushed him over the precipice. As he fell, he grasped a rock near the edge and thus succeeded in supporting himself. But it was not for long, for the woman kicked his hand away from the rock and down he fell to the doom he deserved so well.

Returning to Cetinje the woman told the story that evening to Prince Charles, and soldiers were sent to the scene who found at the foot of the precipice not only the body of the brigand, but also two corpses, which were evidently the remains of two of his victims.

CHRISTMAS FAIR NORTH.

Christmas day is welcomed at the northern fur posts of the Great Hudson's Bay Company, by a firing of cannon from the snow-muffled bastions. Before the stars have faded chapel services begin. Frequently, on either Christmas or New Year's day, a grand feast is given the tawny-skinned habitants of the fort.

A great jangling of bells announces the huskies (dog trains) scampering over the crusty snow drifts. A babel of barks and curses follows, for the huskies celebrate their arrival by tugging themselves up in their harness and enjoying a free fight.

Dogs unharnessed, in troop the trappers to the banquet hall, flinging packs of tightly roped petries down promiscuously to be sorted next day. One Indian enters just as he has left the hunting field, clad from head to heel in white caribou, with the antlers left on the capote as a decoy. His squaw has toggled out for the occasion in a comical medley of brass bracelets and finger rings, with a bear's claw necklace and crimson ruff which no city connoisseur could possibly mistake for rabbit. If a daughter yet remain unappropriated, she will display the gayest attire—red flannel galore, red shawl, red scarf, with perhaps an apron of white fox skin and moccasins garnished in colored grasses. The braves outdo even a vain young squaw. Whole fox, mink or other skins have been braided to the end of their hair and hang down in two plaits to the floor. Whitest of buckskin has been ornamented with brightest of beads, and over all hangs the gaudiest of blankets; it may be a muskox skin with the feasts of the warrior in rude drawings on the smooth side.

Of the feasts little need be said. Like the camel, the Indian lays up store for the morrow, judging from his capacity for French-Canadian fiddler strikes up a tuneless jig that sets the Indians pounding the floor in figureless dances with moccasined heels till midnight glides into midnight, and midnight to morning. I remember hearing of one such midday feast in a Red River settlement that prolonged itself past four of the second morning—Agnes C. Laut, in Leslie's Monthly.

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Monday, the 12th day of January, 1903, at 10:30 o'clock the forenoon at the said chambers is appointed for hearing and adjudicating upon the debts and claims. Dated this 5th day of December, 1902. J. H. TAYLOR, Solicitors for the Official Liquidator.

To the Electors of Centre Ward.

Ladies and Gentlemen: Having been requested by a large number of electors to offer myself as a candidate for alderman for above ward, and respectfully solicit your vote and influence.

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